training institute. After inception of the proposed institute, the demand of pilots can be met with the help of other existing flying clubs. There is no proposal at present to set up another institute under the aegis of the Central Government in any other part of the country.

Second international airport in Punjab

1508. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to identify the site where the second international airport is likely to be set up in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of airports in Tamil Nadu

1509. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the modernisation of airports in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the amount involved, time-period fixed and the progress made so far in regard to the implementation of the modernisation projects;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more airports in the State in developing cities like Salem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various development/modernisation works undertaken at airports in Tamil Nadu, amount involved and time schedule and status are as under:

Tricky—Strengthening and extension of runway and allied works to be completed by August, 2006 at the cost of Rs. 25.93 crores, construction of new integrated terminal complex for 400 passengers at a time to be completed by December, 2007 at the cost of Rs. 74.70 crores.

Madurai—Strengthening and extension of runway and allied works to be completed by October, 2006 at the cost of Rs. 35.25 crores.

Coimbatore—Strengthening and extension of runway upto 8500 feet at the cost of Rs. 19 crores has been completed. Further extension of runway upto 9000 feet at the cost of Rs. 27 crores would be taken up once the additional land is handed over by the State Government.

Chennai—Expansion and modification of vacated departure areas to cater international arrival facilities at the cost of Rs. 23.47 crores is at advanced stage.

(c) and (d) Government has no plan at present to construct more airports in Tamil Nadu. All airports owned by Airports Authority of India in Tamil Nadu are operational where scheduled flights are operating except the airport at Salem where only non-scheduled operations take place.

Additional service to Kolkata

1510. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no flight of Indian between Delhi to Kolkata and Kolkata to Delhi between 07.00 hrs. and 17.00 hrs; and

(b) whether Government would introduce at least one pair of flight between above destination within the gap period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Time slots for the operation of all flights are decided by the airlines on the basis of commercial inputs and